schemes for weaker sections of society, as reported in the Financial Express of 5th December, 2002, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what additional benefits would accrue in the schemes over the ones offered by other companies; and

(c) whether any awareness launched by the company to harness business under the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The United India Insurance Company Ltd. has launched two policies viz. (i) Uni-Micro Health Scheme for Self-help Groups and (ii) Mother Teresa Women and Child Policy in December, 2002. Uni-Micro Health Scheme provides medical benefits and personal accident cover whereas Mother Teresa Women and Child Policy provides personal accident cover to the rural and self-employed women from the poorer sections of the society. The policy also provides for creation of a corpus in a Nationalised Bank for a sum of Rs. 25,000/- each favouring one male child and one female child in the event of accidental death of either parent.

(c) The 'United India' has launched publicity campaign to popularise these products.

Revision of reduction on import duty on coke

2681. DR. A.K. PATEL:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from Government of Gujarat for revising the reduction made in the import duty of Coke; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prior to 1st March, 2003, metcoke attracted customs duty

@ 15%. However metcoke imported by specified end users, namely, manufacturers of iron and steel using blast furnace or COREX technology and manufacturers of Ferro alloys, attracted a concessional rate of duty of 5%. The customs duty structure for metcoke was reviewed in Budget 2003-2004 and it was decided to rationalize the customs duty on metcoke to 10%, applicable to all imports.

Expenditure by Ministries in the financial year 2002-2003

†2682. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than allocated expenditure is likely to be spent by certain Ministries in the year 2002-2003 under the planned expenditure head;

(b) if so, the names of these Ministries; and

(c) the percentage of under-expenditure anticipated to be incurred by each of these Ministries so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Total Plan expenditure upto February 28, 2003, was 78 per cent of the Budget Estimates. Details regarding actual expenditure for the full year 2002-03 will be available on compilation of the provisional accounts in July, 2003.

Delay in payment of pensions by SBI

2683. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit advice for payment of monthly pension in respect of VRS-employees of Delhi Branches of the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.